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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : William K. Parmenter
Director of Current Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director for Intelligence *W.K.P.*

SUBJECT : ~~Community Comments on Current Intelligence~~
Publications

REFERENCE : USIB-D-71.11/20, 12 April 1976

1. This paper describes the essential comments from the intelligence community in response to your 12 April memorandum for USIB principals. These comments finally became available last Thursday (a week late); since then my people and I have been negotiating with representatives of other agencies in an effort to meet their concerns. I believe we have been successful, and I attach the "Memorandum on Procedures for the National Intelligence Daily" (Attachment 1) that has developed out of these negotiations, as well as the agencies' comments themselves (Attachment 2).

2. I believe that we should proceed with the new publication, accepting the recommendation from General Keegan that there be a review six or so months hence. I therefore recommend that you direct us to either:

-- institute the new publication regime forthwith, and that you inform the NFIB principals at the next NFIB meeting of your action, thanking them for their help and assuring them of our desire to meet their needs to the extent we can;

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-- or delay beginning the new publication regime until after you have had an opportunity to hear the NFIB principals express themselves in a board meeting.

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We would prefer the first option, but recognize the possible psychological value of allowing an opportunity for a venting of views.

3. The agencies' essential comments, and what we have done to deal with them, are as follows:

a. DIA concurred in the proposal, and General Tighe recommended that a working group be formed to draft a memorandum of procedure. We met on 4 May with a working-level delegation from DIA on the draft of such a memorandum and reached a mutually satisfactory understanding, incorporated in the memo I have attached.

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b. State is troubled that the degree of coordination we originally asked of them would require INR to devote additional resources to current intelligence (e.g., they would have to put some people on shift after 1700 hours weekdays and on Sundays). I have assured Marty Packman, Saunders' deputy for current intelligence, that we are not, for the purpose of this "streamlining," asking them to do anything they are not already doing. The statement we intend to publish on the masthead of the new daily takes account of State's immediate concern.

c. NSA concurs in your proposal, and makes a technical suggestion that we have agreed to adopt.

d. Treasury concurs in your proposal, and has some technical suggestions which would be helpful to the Secretary's briefing officers. I have discussed this with them, explaining which of their suggestions are feasible for us to adopt at this time and which we will have to look at as we go. Bill Morell sent along a number of additional suggestions he personally has made on previous occasions; we continue to do what we can to meet several of them and to discuss the others.

e. ERDA concurs.

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f. FBI has no comment.

g. Army believes the cabled version of the NID "would satisfy OACSI requirements for finished intelligence," but regrets the lack of maps and other graphics provided by the previous system. We do not see at the moment how we can compensate for this and still save money, but we will be looking at the problem.

h. Air Force agrees with the effort to save money but, like the Army, is concerned by the loss of graphics. General Keegan recommends a review in six months. As noted above, I recommend that you adopt this suggestion. The Air Force's (Acting) Assistant Secretary for Research and Development commented independently; his suggestions do not appear practicable at this time but will be kept in mind.

i. Navy has no comment.



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MEMORANDUM ON PROCEDURES
FOR THE
NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DAILY

I. Preparation and Coordination

1. The NID, including its cable version, will be produced by the Office of Current Intelligence in CIA. The content of each day's NID will be discussed at a morning planning meeting; a list of proposed articles will be given to DIA, State, and NSA.

2. Current reporting items for the NID will be prepared in CIA and, except for late items, coordinated with DIA, State, and NSA. Draft texts will be made available to all agencies in as timely fashion as possible.

3. The author will attempt to coordinate fully the current reporting items, but if this is not possible, differing views will be reflected in the text of the item. It is understood that such differences will reflect significant disagreements in interpretation, and every effort will be made to ensure that the reader is aware of the reason(s) for the disagreement.

4. The publication of current reporting items may from time to time be postponed temporarily to permit a more complete review by the other agencies. Determination of whether publication can be postponed will be made by the NID editors.

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5. Any agency of the community may suggest topics for current reporting coverage and may be requested to prepare texts.

6. So-called "feature" items, carrying a by-line, may be submitted to the NID from any agency of the community, on the understanding that these items will be subject to the same editorial scrutiny and processing wherever they originate. The ultimate judgment as to the appropriateness and timeliness of a "feature" item must rest with the NID editorial staff.

7. Representatives of State, DIA, and NSA will be available to assist the NID editorial staff in coordinating items for publication.

II. Attribution

1. Items of current reportage will not be attributed unless the item is prepared by CIA so close to deadline that coordination with other agencies is not possible. In that case, the item will be identified as a CIA LATE ITEM. Other agencies may comment on or take issue with CIA LATE ITEMS in subsequent editions of the NID.

2. In those cases where, because of pressure of time, it has been possible to achieve coordination with only one other agency, the item will be so identified if the other agency is one having a major interest--e.g. CIA/DIA LATE ITEM for a late item dealing with a military subject.

3. Each issue of the NID will carry the inscription that it has been "prepared in the Central Intelligence Agency in cooperation with the other US foreign intelligence organizations. Late items prepared by CIA alone are so marked. Analytical feature articles are attributed to their authors."

III. Dissemination

1. The hard-copy, "newspaper" TKH version of the NID will be disseminated to named principals, and will be retrieved from their offices as at present.

2. The Top Secret Codeword cable version of the NID, including an ORCON supplement for the use of Washington headquarters elements under the ORCON guidelines, and other sensitive source supplements as needed, will be disseminated electrically to points to be designated by the receiving agencies.

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The recipients are understood to be free to make whatever departmental use of this cable is consistent with "need to know," and with the appropriate DCID's. To assist agencies in determining how material in the cable may best be used, cable items will be classified by paragraph.



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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
TELEPHONIC

SUBJECT : Current Intelligence Publications
REFERENCE : USIB-D-71.11/20, 12 April 1976
DUE DATE : COB, 22 April 1976

Agency	Vote	By	Date	
CIA	NO COMMENTS		23 April	25X1
State	COMMENTS ATTACHED	Mr. Saunders	19 April	
DIA	COMMENTS ATTACHED ^{1/}	Gen. Tighe	20 April	
NSA	CONCUR SUBJECT TO ^{2/}	Gen. Allen	21 April	25X1
TREASURY	COMMENTS ATTACHED	Mr. Morell	27 April	
ERDA	CONCUR	(Wanda Walter) Col. Chanatry	20 April	
FBI	NO COMMENTS	Mr. Weimar	23 April	
Remarks:				
1/ ARMY	COMMENTS ATTACHED	Gen. Aaron	22 April	
AIR FORCE	COMMENTS ATTACHED	Gen. Keegan	22 April	
AIR FORCE	COMMENTS ATTACHED	John Martin	21 April	
NAVY	NO COMMENTS as of 29 April.			

2/ Director, NSA concurs in the memo but recommends that the cable
NID include GAMMA and TK material.

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12 April 1976

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM FOR USIB PRINCIPALS

SUBJECT : Current Intelligence Publications

REFERENCES : a. USIB-D-71.11/7, 2 December 1974
b. USIB-D-71.11/6, 4 April 1974
c. USIB-M-664, 4 April 1974, Item 3

1. I have recently conducted a review of the current intelligence publications produced in CIA. This review has involved a close look at the need for individual publications as well as their format and production costs. As part of this process a representative from my Office of Current Intelligence has consulted with the principal production officers in DIA, State, and NSA.

2. My findings indicate that the daily intelligence needs of our main consumers can continue to be well served and that a substantial savings of several hundred thousand dollars can be realized by discontinuing the National Intelligence Bulletin, the procedures for which were established in the reference documents. In its place, I propose to meet departmental needs by producing a cabled version of the National Intelligence Daily.

3. More specifically, I propose that the NID become a fully coordinated publication. Late-breaking news items that cannot be coordinated will be so identified. As at present, drafting will be handled by CIA; DIA's Defense Intelligence Notices and other departmental intelligence publications will be used as the basis for some drafts. In addition, DIA, State, NSA, and CIA will be invited to submit feature articles. The feature articles will give attribution to the author and his organization and will be coordinated in substance. We will continue to require the services of representatives from the participating agencies to facilitate the coordination process and to speed the exchange of substantive information.

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4. The cabled version of the NID will carry an overall classification of TOP SECRET COMINT NOFORN, but each paragraph will be individually classified so that recipients can more easily use the information to meet their departmental needs.

5. If you have any comments please provide them to the Executive Secretary of USIB by 22 April 1976.

[Signature]
George Bush
Chairman

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3	DDI		
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Remarks: Mr. Bush--

I think Parmenter and his people have done a first-rate job on working out arrangements for producing the National Intelligence Daily and eliminating the National Intelligence Bulletin.

Bill offers you two options for implementing this arrangement: one is to go ahead without a discussion at a USIB meeting; the other is to discuss it at a meeting before we implement.

Because these arrangements have been fully coordinated with the people involved, I see no reason for a pro forma rehash at USIB and for the delay involved in waiting for such a meeting. Therefore, I recommend you approve the procedures described in attachment 1 and instruct Bill to implement them as soon as feasible.

Recommendation Approved

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